

**WAUKESHA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, April 15, 2024
via Zoom videoconference**

Present: Jesse Blocher, Remzy Bitar, Michelle Fitzgerald, Aaron Hall (President Elect), Christine Hansen (Secretary), Andrea Lau, Corey Montiho (President), Sara Scullen, AnnMarie Sylla (Past President)

Excused: Sarah Guenther (Treasurer), Alexander Kay, Jack Pitzo, Daniel Rieck

Call to Order: President Montiho called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sarah Guenther circulated the financial reports on April 10, 2024. Discussion was had at the meeting about the checking account balance.

Board of Governor's Update: District 6 Board of Governors (BOG) Representative AnnMarie Sylla indicated that she did not have any updates but informed the board that June is her final meeting as a BOG representative and a replacement is still needed.

Old Business:

1. **February and March 2024 Minutes:** President Montiho moved to approve the minutes. Remzy Bitar seconded the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Judge Strampe Portrait:** President Montiho reported that Judge Strampe's portrait has been completed.

New Business:

1. **Finances:** President Montiho advised that Treasurer Guenther had stated that a transfer from the money market account to the checking account may be prudent, depending on upcoming expenses and whether sponsorship of events is secured. Discussion was had. Past President Sylla advised that \$3,320 had been paid for the annual meeting. Secretary Hansen recommended addressing dues in the near future to manage rising costs. President Montiho moved to transfer \$5,000 from the money market account to the checking account. Sara Scullen seconded the motion. There was no opposition. Andrea Lau was marked as an abstention due to technology issues. The motion passed.
2. **Website Committee:** President Montiho reported that he has had no volunteers for the website update exploration committee.
3. **Annual Meeting:**
 - a. **Update:** Past President Sylla reported that the Clarke Hotel has been booked and paid for and the WCBA website updated.
 - b. **Ticket Price:** Discussion was had that the fee to attend in 2023 was \$30. Past President Sylla advised that she had already published the fee to attend the 2024 annual meeting as \$40. As such, the price will remain at \$40 without vote.
 - c. **Agenda:** Discussion was had about the agenda for the annual meeting. Secretary Hansen inquired about whether a member of the judiciary will once again be providing an update. President Montiho will reach out to the court with the request.

d. Annual Awards: President Montiho advised that he will send out nominations to the board for vote. Past President Sylla advised that she extended the nomination deadline from April 5, 2024, to April 17, 2024. Secretary Hansen advised that she will pick up the plaques from Gieger once completed.

4. Board Member Status: Discussion was had about the application process and applicants for the 2024-2025 WCBA Board of Directors. President Montiho will reach out to the applicants to determine if there will be a contested election at the annual meeting.

5. Other/Open Secretary Position. A volunteer is still needed to serve as secretary for the 2024-2025 board year. President Montiho will reach out to Alexander Kay to determine if he is willing to serve in that role and then follow up with Secretary Hansen

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Hansen, seconded by Past President Sylla. The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Hansen, Secretary